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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7523
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO

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STATE ALSO FOR LA/MRSD (GEORGE PHILLIPS); GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP;
RIO DE JANEIRO FOR MICHAEL HAMMER

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ELAB ES
SUBJ: AIFLD: NO DECISION BY GOES ON REESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE

REF: (A) STATE 073534, (B) SAN SALVADOR 1345

1. DURING WEEK OF MARCH 26, EMBOFFS CALLED LABOR MINISTRY AT LEAST
ONCE A DAY TRYING TO CONTACT THE MINISTER OF LABOR, COL. ROBERTO
ESCOBAR GARCIA, FOR PREVIOUSLY PROMISED GOES RESPONSE ON POSSIBLE
AIFLD REENTRY (SEE REF B). ESCOBAR FAILED TO RETURN ANY OF THE
PHONE MESSAGES.

2. AT SOCIAL OCCASION ON NIGHT OF MARCH 29, POLITICAL OFFICER
TALKED WITH ROGELIO CHAVEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT AND
MENTOR AND FRIENDS OF THE MINISTER OF LABOR. POLITICAL OFFICER
EMPHASIZED TO CHAVEZ THE NEED FOR A DEFINITE ANSWER BEFORE MARCH
31 ON ISSUE OF AIFLD OFFICE. CHAVEZ REITERATED HE STRONGLY FAVORED
THE REESTABLISHMENT OF AIFLD OFFICE IN EL SALVADOR AND SAID HE WOULD
PERSONALLY CONTACT MINISTER OF LABOR AND REQUEST THAT HE CALL
POLITICAL OFFICER WITH A DEFINITE ANSWER ON MARCH 30. ESCOBAR DID
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NOT CALL.

3. LABOR OFFICER AGAIN CALLED MINISTRY OF LABOR
ON MARCH 31 AND WAS INFORMED THAT ESCOBAR WAS
"SICK" AND WOULD BE OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR FIFTEEN
DAYS. LESSER OFFICIALS AT LABOR MINISTRY STATED
THAT ONLY MINLABOR AUTHORIZED TO MAKE REQUESTED

DECISION.

4. THIS SEQUENCE OF EVENTS TENDS TO CONFIRM EMBASSY SUSPICION THAT GOES IS NOT YET PREPARED OR WILLING TO GIVE A DEFINITE ANSWER ON THE POSSIBLE REESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIFLD OFFICE IN EL SALVADOR. IN ADDITION TO REASONS ALREADY SET FORTH IN REF B, INCLUDING HISTORY OF PAST AIFLD INVOLVEMENT IN EL SALVADOR, ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS FOR GOES ATTITUDE AT MOMENT MAY BE GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION INCLUDING CONCERN OVER DEVELOPING AGRARIAN UNREST.

5. IN VIEW OF ITS REPEATED EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AN ANSWER, EMBASSY IS DISAPPOINTED AT LACK OF A DEFINITE GOES RESPONSE. EMBASSY HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING WHEN OR EVEN IF A GOES DECISION ON THE ISSUE WILL BE REACHED. EMBASSY THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR AIFLD TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS MENTIONED BY MIKE HAMMER FOR RENDERING SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE TO THE UNION COMUNAL SALVADORENA (UCS) FROM OUTSIDE.
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